

2019-2020 Grand National Teams

Conditions of Contest

District 18

A. General

1. National Conditions

The 2019-2020 Grand National Teams (GNT) Conditions of Contest, as published by the ACBL (<http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/coc/gnt/GNT2019-20.pdf>) govern and are incorporated into these conditions. These ACBL District 18 (D18) Conditions of Contest cover circumstances that are unique to D18 and clarify options available under the National Conditions of Contest.

2. Participation:

Anyone from anywhere is permitted to play at the club level (non-members are allowed to play at the club level).

To advance beyond the club level to the D18 Finals, a player must be an ACBL member in good standing (all dues or service fees paid) and a member of District 18. (See Appendix I of the National Conditions of Contest for clarification of District membership.)

3. District Coordinator

D18's coordinator for the GNT is:

Melissa Martin

P O Box 4689

Whitefish MT 59937

E-mail address: mgmbridge@yahoo.com

Telephone: 406-570-9614

4. Flight Eligibility:

Championship Flight is open to all players (Unlimited Masterpoints)

Flight A is open to players with less than 6000 Masterpoints

Flight B is open to players with less than 2500 Masterpoints

Flight C is open to players with less than 500 Masterpoints who are Non-Life Masters

Masterpoint totals for flight eligibility are determined by the ACBL's September masterpoint cycle (run on August 6, 2019). Masterpoints won after this cycle will not impact flight eligibility for these events.

B. Club Level

1. Qualifying Period:

Club level events will be held between September 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020. A club may run a qualifier in April of 2020 if they receive approval from the District Coordinator.

2. Qualification Format:

Clubs may either run separate games for one or more flights, or a combined stratified team event. Clubs may choose their own format.

3. Sanction Fees:

ACLB sanction fees are \$2.25 (US) per table per session for each event. In addition, a sanction fee of \$7.00 (local currency) per table is due District 18. A copy of the report/results form should accompany the payment. Please make cheques payable to ACBL District 18 and send to:

Canadian \$ Cheques to:
Don Greenwood
D18 Bridge
11810 Kingsway NW
Edmonton AB T5G 0X5

US \$ Checks
Melissa Martin
P O Box 4689
Whitefish MT 59937

4. Reporting:

Clubs must send the report file of all members who have qualified for the GNT (created by ACBLScore) to the District Coordinator via email by the first week of April.

C. Unit Level

There are no Unit Level competitions in District 18.

D. District Finals

1. Tournament Eligibility:

All players who have qualified at a club level game are eligible to compete in the district final providing they meet the requirements listed under A.2 Participation (see above).

In addition, all flight C players who participate in a club level event will automatically qualify to play in flight C of the District final if they meet the requirements listed under A.2 Participation (see above).

Any Player who was unable to qualify at a game within the District, can buy an entry into the District final for a fee of \$40 (local currency) if they meet the requirements listed under A.2 Participation (see above). Any player whose principal residence is greater than 100Km/60 miles from an ACBL sanctioned club may have the \$40 fee waived if this is identified at the time of registration. Any player having met the distance criterion may advance to the third round but an additional fee of \$20 will be assessed to her/his team entry..

2. Event Date and Location:

The District 18 GNT final will be on May 8-9, 2020. The final will be held ONLINE at multiple sites across the District.

3. Starting Times (Mountain Daylight Savings Time)*

Session #1	May 8	approximately	19:30
Session #2	May 9	approximately	09:00
Session #3	May 9	approximately	13:30
Session #4	May 9	approximately	19:30

*Starting times may be staggered depending on the number of teams in each flight. All contestants will be notified of the exact starting times prior to the start of the event.

4. Entries:

Teams wishing to participate in the District Final must pre-register for the event by April 17, 2020. Please complete the attached entry form and e-mail it to the District Coordinator.

All correspondence will be through the Team Captain. The entry fee is \$100 (local currency) per team. There is an additional charge of \$50 (local currency) to advance to the 3rd and an additional \$50 to the 4th round of the District Final. Please make checks payable to ACBL District 18. Payment information will be provided when registration is confirmed.

5. Bridge Conventions:

The Basic Chart applies to Flight C, The Basic+ Chart applies to Flight B, the Open Chart applies to Flight A and the Open+ Chart applies to the Championship Flight.

6. Event Format:

If there is only one team entered in a flight, then the team will be given the option of representing the District at the Nationals with **NO TRAVEL SUBSIDY**. Their entry fee will be refunded to the team captain either immediately or if they decide to go to the Nationals, once they have returned from the competition.

If there are only two teams entered in a flight, they will play a double session knockout to determine the winner of that flight.

Flights of 3 or 4 teams will play a two session round robin or Swiss with 2 teams qualifying to a third session 24 board match to determine a winner.

Flights with 5 or more teams will play a two session round robin or Swiss. The top 4 teams in the flight will advance to a 3rd session of play which will be a knockout. There will be no carryover to the 3rd session of play. The 1st place team coming into the 3rd session will select their opponents from the 3rd and 4th place finishers; the 2nd place team will play the remaining team. Both matches will be 24 board knockouts. The winners of the 3rd session of play advance to the 4th and final session to play a 24 board knockout.

Scoring for round robin or Swiss team games will be by the victory point (20 point scale) scoring.

In all cases, the Director in Charge may modify the number of boards and sessions to be played to accommodate unanticipated circumstances.

7. Substitution:

If a player on a registered team becomes unavailable prior to the district final, the team captain must contact the District Coordinator and make arrangements for a substitute subject to the same conditions as described in D.1 (above).

8. Online Competition:

The Conditions of Contest for District GNT finals hosted online as specified in Appendix II of the ACBL Grand National Teams 2019-2020 Conditions of Contest apply to the District 18 final. **“Lack of proficiency with computers or the software used by the online host does not excuse any irregularity, or violation of these conditions.”**

E. District Winners

The winning team in each flight of the district finals is eligible to compete in the National Finals and will be granted a subsidy by District 18. The following conditions apply:

- At least 2 of the original team members must compete in the National Finals

- Any substitute player must have qualified in the applicable flight at a club level GNT qualifier or must have played in the District Final.
- The District Coordinator must approve any substitutions.

If a winning team declines the opportunity to go to the National finals, the second place team will then be offered the opportunity (and subsidy) to represent District 18 at the National Finals. Substitution guidelines are the same as above.

F. Subsidies:

D18 will provide a minimum subsidy of \$1000 (local currency) to a maximum of \$3000 (local currency) to each team representing District 18 at the National Final subject to the conditions outlined in Section E (above). The subsidy amount for each team will be based on the revenues generated by club level qualifiers, the District Final and any special games held with the district minus the expenses associated with running the GNT. The subsidy amount will be set and communicated before winning teams need to make a decision about going to the National Finals. The subsidy monies will be paid out to the captain of each team upon return from the National Finals.

If 8 or more teams participate in Flight B or C, a second team may be eligible to participate at the GNT National Event. There will be **no** travel subsidy available to the second team.

G. Contingencies

The Director in Charge (DIC) will resolve all contingencies or ambiguities relating to the format or playing conditions of the D18 finals that are not specifically addressed by these conditions.

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District 18 Finals Entry Form

Flight Entry (Open/A/B/C)_____

Team Member 1: This person will be the designated Team Captain and all correspondence will be through this individual.

Name:_____

E-mail Address:_____

Phone #_____

ACBL#_____

ACBL masterpoints as of 8/6/2019_____

Name of club where qualified_____

Playing Location_____

Team Member 2:

Name:_____

E-mail Address:_____

Phone #_____

ACBL#_____

ACBL masterpoints as of 8/6/2019_____

Name of club where qualified_____

Playing Location_____

Team Member 3:

Name:_____

E-mail Address:_____

Phone #_____

ACBL#_____

ACBL masterpoints as of 8/6/2019_____

Name of club where qualified_____

Playing Location_____

Team Member 4:

Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone # _____

ACBL# _____

ACBL masterpoints as of 8/6/2019 _____

Name of club where qualified _____

Playing Location _____

Team Member 5:

Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone # _____

ACBL# _____

ACBL masterpoints as of 8/6/2019 _____

Name of club where qualified _____

Playing Location _____

Team Member 6:

Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone # _____

ACBL# _____

ACBL masterpoints as of 8/6/2019 _____

Name of club where qualified _____

Playing Location _____

Playing location is the town or city where the player “physically” wants to play on his computer. A venue and a monitor must be found for each playing location.

Note: BBO id’s will be ASSIGNED for this event upon receipt of entry fee

By entering this event, each team member certifies, subject to penalties as provided in the Conditions of Contest for this event and in the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations, that they are eligible to play in this event.